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FIRST AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action (paper 7) mailed 14 August 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

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Please replace the last paragraph on page 19 to read --

By voting, each participant not only indicates which decision he favors, but also, how much he favors that particular outcome. Sample member 12(1)', for example, has a willingness to pay of \$60 and would acquire megasoft in retail trade, thus gaining a consumer surplus of \$10. With the collective purchase, he would save \$40 as compared to the purchase in retail trade. Thus, he votes with this value in favor of the collective purchase.

12(2-10)' behave similarly. Member 12(6)' seems to be particularly against the acquisition. He votes with 110 US\$ against the offer, although it would cost --.